

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, HK  
SUBJECT: TEXTILES: VISA REQUIREMENTS IN US-HK BILATERAL AGREEMENT

1. HONG KONG TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT (TICD) OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED WITH CONGENOFF THE VISA REQUIREMENTS IN THE NEW US-HK BILATERAL AGREEMENT, WHICH HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED BY US CUSTOMS TO COVER SHIPMENTS OF RESTRAINED TEXTILES BY MAIL. TICD HAS ALSO NOTIFIED HK EXPORTERS OF THIS REQUIREMENT AND HAS BEGUN RECEIVING COMPLAINTS BOTH FROM MAJOR GARMENT MANUFACTURERS AND FROM CUSTOMS TAILORS CATERING TO AMERICAN TOURISTS IN HONG KONG.

2. WHILE THE STRICTER VISA REQUIREMENTS MEAN ANNOYING BUT TOLERABLE DELAYS FOR MAJOR EXPORTERS, TICD FEELS THAT CUSTOM TAILORS' SALES TO AMERICAN TOURISTS FOR MAIL DELIVERY WILL BE MORE SERIOUSLY  
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AFFECTED AND TICD IS CONCERNED LEST HONG KONG'S TOURIST TRADE, INCOME FROM WHICH OFFSETS THE TERRITORY'S CHRONIC MERCHANDISE TRADE DEFICIT, BE JEOPARDIZED.

3. TICD HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE USG INTERPRETATION OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT FOR POSTAL SHIPMENTS, AND HKG'S PROCEDURE FOR COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENT, BE SUBJECTS FOR THE

NEXT MONTH'S BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. DEPARTMENT PLEASE  
ADVISE WHETHER THIS ISSUE CAN BE ADDED TO THE FEBRUARY AGENDA.  
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